

PRP search for United Zinc and Chemical Co.

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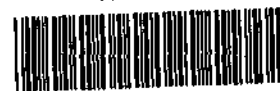
From Secretary of State Records, (e-mail from Anna attached):

Secretary of State records show that United Zinc and Chemical Co. was incorporated in New Jersey in 1901 and applied to do business in Kansas in 1911. In addition, secretary of State reports they forfeited their charter in 1986, so are now defunct.

Danise Hobbs, CNSL
2/1/06

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Anna
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To Denise Roberts/CNSL/R7/USEPA/US
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Subject United Zinc and Chemical

I am still waiting on information from the New Jersey Secretary of State, but I didn't want to make you wait any longer. New Jersey is different than other states. Their Secretary of State information is not on Lexis/Westlaw or on the internet and they won't do searches for documents without money up-front.

United Zinc and Chemical Company was a New Jersey corporation, authorized to do business in Kansas on February 15, 1912. They forfeited their corporate charter for failure to file an annual report on July 15, 1986, according to the Kansas Secretary of State.

I checked with both the Kansas Secretary of State and the Kansas State Historical Society, which archives old Kansas corporate documents, and was told that United Zinc did not merge with another company.

I also looked through the PRP searches for Cherokee County, Jasper County, and Newton County. I thought they may have looked into "United Zinc and Chemical Co.", since they share many of the same PRPs. I found nothing on the company.

I will let you know when the New Jersey information arrives.

PRP Search for United Zinc and Chemical Co

A. Activities

Anna Rock checked and obtained Secretary of State records for Kansas and New Jersey. Denise Roberts reviewed United Zinc and Chemical Co's file, particularly KDHE PRP search information dated December 2005.

B. Owner/Operator Status

United Zinc and Chemical Co. owned the land in Iola, Kansas from which they operated a smelter from as early as 1902 until 1925. (Sanborn maps revealed ownership during this timeframe.) They operated the smelter until 1912. William Lanyon owned a portion of the site from 1901-1902 when he sold property to United Zinc and Chemical Co. (See Attachment 1)

In February, 2006, Secretary of State records for Kansas were obtained to show that United Zinc and Chemical Co. was incorporated in New Jersey in 1901 and applied to do business in Kansas in 1911. In addition, Kansas Secretary of State reports showed that the United Zinc and Chemical Co. forfeited their charter in 1986. On May 30, 2006, Anna Rock retrieved documents from the Kansas Historical Society, the repository for old Secretary of State documents, verifying that United Zinc and Chemical Co. was a New Jersey company doing business in Kansas. On May 30, 2006, the Secretary of State of New Jersey reported that it had no records for the United Zinc and Chemical Co. (See Attachment 2)

C. Conclusion

United Zinc and Chemical Co., as the sole operator, is defunct. The individual owner, William Lanyon, who sold a portion of the site in 1902, is deceased.

From dead perfect file United Zinc and Chemical

Know all Men by these Presents:

That the United Zinc and Chemical Company

a corporation organized under the laws of the State of New Jersey, and with its principal office at Jersey City, in said State, hereby consents, without power of revocation, that actions may be commenced against it, the said United Zinc and Chemical Company in the proper court of any county in the State of Kansas in which a cause of action against such corporation may arise, or may have heretofore arisen, or in which plaintiff may reside, by service of process on the Secretary of State of the State of Kansas; and the said corporation stipulates and agrees that such service shall be taken and held in all courts to be as valid and binding as if due service had been made upon the President or any other chief officer of said corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Said corporation has caused these presents to be executed

by its President and its Secretary, and authenticated by its corporate seal,

at Kansas City in said State of Kansas
this 30th day of October A. D. 1911

John Adams President,
George V. Lewis Secretary.

ATTEST

Attachment 2

Handwritten notes and stamps:
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Certified
to me
Nov 18/1911
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State of New Jersey

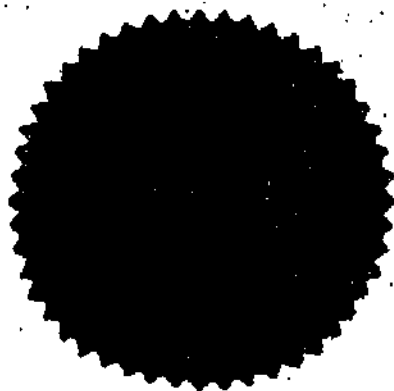


Department of State

I, S. D. Dickinson, Secretary of State of the State of New Jersey do hereby Certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Certificate of Incorporation
of THE UNITED ZINC AND CHEMICAL COMPANY.

and the endorsements thereon, as the same is taken from and compared with the original filed in my office on the First *day of* November *A.D.*
1901, and now remaining on file and of record therein.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Official Seal at Trenton, this Fifth
day of September *A.D. 1911.*



S. D. Dickinson

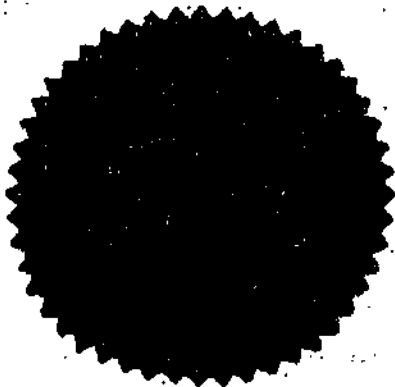


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of THE UNITED ZINC AND CHEMICAL COMPANY.

and the endorsements thereon, as the same is taken from and compared with the original filed in my office on the First day of November, A.D. 1901, and now remaining on file and of record therein.

In Testimony Whereof, I have herunto set my hand and affixed my Official Seal at Trenton, this Fifth day of September, A.D. 1911.



S. B. Dickinson
Secretary of State

of Kansas as a Foreign Corporation

TO THE CHARTER BOARD OF THE STATE OF KANSAS:

The United Zinc and Chemical Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of New Jersey, applies for permission to engage in business in the State of Kansas, and for that purpose submits the following statement, to wit:

FIRST.

A certified copy of its Charter or Articles of Incorporation, which is filed herewith.

SECOND.

The place where the principal office or place of business of said corporation is located is 15 Exchange Place, Jersey City, New Jersey

THIRD.

The place where the principal office or place of business in this State is to be located is Argentine, Wyandotte County, Kansas

FOURTH.

The full nature and character of the business in which said corporation proposes to engage within the State of Kansas is the transaction of manufacturing, mining, mechanical and chemical business all as more fully set forth in the Charter granted to this Company by the State of New Jersey a certified copy of which is filed herewith.

FIFTH.

The names and addresses of the officers and Trustees or directors are:

President, John Adams of Kansas City Missouri; Secretary
and Treasurer George V. Leurs of Kansas City Missouri;

Board of Directors, John Greenough of New York City,
Walter H. Henneswell of Boston Massachusetts, R. P.
Agassiz of Boston Massachusetts, Belding Fiske of Boston
Massachusetts, John Adams of Kansas City Missouri, John R.
Turner, Jersey City New Jersey, W. G. Duane of New York
City, Henry D. Ashley of Kansas City Missouri, and G. St. L.
Abbott of Boston Massachusetts.

SIXTH.

The amount of the capital stock of said corporation is Five Million (5,000,000)

Dollars,

divided into Fifty Thousand (50,000)
of One Hundred (100)

Shares,

Dollars each.

The proportion of the lawfully issued capital stock of said corporation which it proposes to invest
and use in its business in the State of Kansas is $\frac{933}{1000}$ per cent.

The amount of said lawfully issued capital stock so represented in the State of Kansas is

Six Hundred Thirteen (600,000)

Dollars

Source: [Public Records > People, Business & Asset Locators > Business Locator > Combined Business & Corporation Information > Combined Business and Corporation Information](#) 

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KANSAS SECRETARY OF STATE

Company Name: UNITED ZINC AND CHEMICAL COMPANY

Mailing Address:

NO CITY, KS

Type: FOREIGN CORPORATION (PROFIT)

Status: WITHDRAWN

Filing Date: 2/15/1912

Duration: PERPETUAL

Date of Incorporation/Qualification: 2/15/1912

State or Country of Incorporation: NEW JERSEY

Registered Agent: NONE SHOWN

Filing Number: 7344773

Annual Report:

Date Due: 4/15/1986

Source: [Public Records > People, Business & Asset Locators > Business Locator > Combined Business & Corporation Information > Combined Business and Corporation Information](#) 

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4.1 Allen County Plat Maps

A 1906 Allen County Plat Map for the city of Iola, Kansas was obtained from the Allen County Historical Society in Iola, Kansas (Figure 6). This plat map presented property boundaries, owner names, large businesses and structures, and any underground utilities. The UZ1 Site is pictured east of the town and is occupied by the United Zinc and Chemical Company lead and zinc smelter. There appears to be several buildings pictured associated with lead smelting operations and several railroad spurs connecting the Site to the main railroad line. Prime Western Smelting Company is also pictured to the east of this property with several buildings pictured. Several buildings are also pictured to the west of the UZ1 Site on the Coberly Site pictured as the United Iron Works Company. A 1906 Allen County Plat map encompassing the cities of Iola, Gas, and LaHarpe was also obtained from the Allen County Historical Society (Figure 4). This plat map presented property boundary lines as well as property owners. This plat map does not indicate who the owner of the property is and does not mention the United Zinc and Chemical Company, however a few structures are identified. Prime Western Smelting Company is pictured to the east with associated buildings. The United Iron Works Company is also pictured but does not indicate an owner name.

A 1921 Allen County Plat Map for the cities of Gas, Iola, and LaHarpe was also obtained from the city of Iola Public Library (Figure 5). This plat map indicated ownership by the United Zinc and Chemical Company but did not indicate any buildings or structures on site. J.B. Kirk Gas Company is identified to the east and United Iron Works Company is identified to the west. Historical plat maps from additional years were not available in the city of Iola or in Allen County. Current plat maps were not available in the city of Iola or Allen County. Parcel boundaries are indicated on the 1986 aerial photograph and a list of property owners for each parcel is included as an additional table (Appendix B).

4.2 Ownership Records

As indicated on the 1906 Allen County Plat Map, the 1921 Plat Map, Register of Deeds records, and other historical records, the property was owned by the United Zinc and Chemical Company from approximately 1902 to 1925. William Lanyon, co-owner of Lanyon Zinc Company, also owned the property from 1901 to 1902. A detailed chain-of title search was performed by Street Abstract Company, Inc. in Iola, Kansas and is described below in the following section. A table detailing the chain of title information for the Site is also attached as Table 1, Appendix B.

4.3 Chain of Title Records

Street Abstract Company, Inc., located in Iola, Kansas prepared a detailed and complete chain of title search for the parcels comprising the UZ1 Site (Table 2, Appendix C). There are ten individual parcels that comprise the UZ1 site. Each property was researched and a certificate of title was prepared. According to the records, the United Zinc and Chemical Company owned the land as early as 1902 and continued to occupy the land until 1925, when it was transferred to private ownership. William Lanyon, a co-owner of the Lanyon Zinc Company, owned the land from 1901 till 1902. It is unclear whether or not he operated a lead smelter on this property during that period of time. William Lanyon transferred the parcels of property to the United

Zinc and Chemical Company in 1902. United Zinc and Chemical Company owned and operated a lead smelter until 1912. It is unknown as to how the land was utilized after this period and until the end of its ownership.

4.4 City Directories

City directories include listings of residences, businesses and professional concerns organized alphabetically by name and alphanumerically by street name then specifically by street address. City directories used in this study were made available through the Iola Public Library.

A review of the various City of Iola, including Gas and LaHarpe City Directories from 1901 to 1936 (approximate years of smelter operation in these cities) was conducted to evaluate land usage for the site pertaining to any lead smelting activities. The only available city directories were from the years 1901-1902, 1908, 1921-1922, 1923-1924, 1928, and 1936. Due to the location of each historical smelter, mainly on the outside of the city limits, city directory listings did not give the address listings but instead gave directions from city limits. No addresses were given for each facility. The listings and associated locations for the United Zinc and Chemical Company were as follows:

- 1901
George E. Nicholson Spelter -- east bey limits (location of East Iola Site)
United Zinc and Chemical Company -- not listed
United Iron Works Company -- not listed
- 1908
United Zinc and Chemical Company -- ¼ e of city limits, city directory did not give an address for this site, only an approximate location
United Iron Works Company -- ne corner of Kentucky (location of Coberly Site)
Prime Western Spelter Company Works #3 -- ¼ e of city limits (location of East Iola Site)
- 1921-1924
United Zinc and Chemical Company -- not listed
United Iron Works -- no address listed (location of Coberly Site)
JB Kirk Gas and Smelting Company -- 4-8 Northrup Bldg (location of East Iola Site)
- 1936
JB Kirk Gas and Smelting Company -- 4-8 Northrup Bldg (location of East Iola Site)

4.5 Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps

In the late nineteenth century, the Sanborn Company began preparing maps for use by fire insurance companies. These maps indicate construction materials for specific structures and the presence of flammable materials. These maps were updated and expanded geographically at various periods during the twentieth century. Sanborn Maps are typically published for central business districts and were not discovered for the subject site. Maxim performed research for Sanborn Maps at the Allen County Historical Society, Kansas Historical Society, Iola Public